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Rapid River News!

From L.R.B.O.I.

Namebine-Giizis (Sucker Moon)
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(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)

(Note: New items are shown at the top of each category with the headline in red.)

(Cultural related items)

- **POW WOW:** Annually, SEEDS works with The *Grand Traverse Band* to host a Pow Wow to honor high school graduates. This will take place on Friday May 14 in Suttons Bay. This year we would like to invite students from Manistee to attend. The SEEDS program in Manistee would like to help arrange transportation for interested teachers and students. Please contact Kevin if you would like your students to participate in this educational opportunity.

Kevin Summers SEEDS After School Site Coordinator, 21st Century Community Learning Center @ Manistee High School and CASMAN Academy
knsummers@ecoseeds.org, 609.405.9156 ecoseeds.org

- **Bakakwenh Naboo** is a new “good for you” forum appearing in the May *Currents* for the first time. Cultural questions/ advice and some fun will be coming through Bakakwenh Naboo (Chicken Soup). Be sure and catch it either online at www.lrboi.com; through your copy in the mail or by picking an issue up at one of the government buildings.

- **Warriors Society Updates.** The Warrior Society has several announcements:

- The following Warriors are your elected Post leaders:

- Commander.....Bill Memberto
- Vice Commandeer.....John Shano
- Secretary.....Virg Johnson
- TreasurerRobert Memberto
- Sergeant at Arms.....Ferdinand Luchene
- Chaplin.....Patrick Wilson

- They wish to acknowledge tribal descendants currently serving in a combat zone as well as tribal citizens from LRBOI. Please contact the Warrior Society with your information.
- The new Warriors Society Ordinance is on the approved Ordinances website, under chapter 700, Title 09 www.lrboi.com
- Next meeting is May 7th, at the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

- **Peacemaking-Probation Department**

Starting in April the Peacemaking/Probation Department will be accepting “Letters of Interest” from Tribal Members who would like to become part of the Peacemaking team.

Every year we strive to involved more Tribal Members and ask for volunteers to become Peacemakers.

The Peacemaking/Probation Department invites you to become part of the peacemaking process, by healing Tribal relationships two Members at a time.

If you are interested in becoming a Peacemaker,

Please contact:

Pat Wilson (231)398-2239 email: pwilson@lrboi.com

Austen Brauker (231)398-2240 email: abrauker@lrboi.com

Odenaang Enjinoojimoying “A Place of Healing Many Hearts”

END DATE: April 29, 2011

Kateri Circle 2011

Muskegon Four Season's
2011 Gatherings
all dates times are same 11 am to 3 pm
ST. Thomas Hall
3252 Apple Ave { M-46 }
Muskegon , Michigan
POTLUCK = Dish to pass
tableware and beverage will be supplied
Raffles and Door Prizes and silent auctions
Leader Patti Wlodkowski 231-755-4865
Debra Gutowski
231-733-2891 -- 1-616-514-6065 - cell 231-557-1634

Oct -- 23 Halloween gathering
Nov --- 13 Ghost Supper
Dec --- 11 Christmas Gathering
11am to 3 pm all Sunday dates

**Everyone is welcome to come and share and socialize
and share the day and make memories.....**

Debra Gutowski-Director
Native American Ministry
360 Division Ave S suite 3A
Grand Rapids, MI. 49503
234-0491x 1517 { direct line } 514-6065
Fax { 551-5626 }

(General area items)

- **YOUTH CAMP AND CULTURE PROGRAM**

Parents or service providers interested in a FREE four-day program for “at-risk” youth can contact the Peacemaking/Probation Department. Any youth who is currently “at-risk” for getting into trouble, or has *ever* been, at any time in the past, involved with the courts, or has had what can be considered “negative” police contact, is eligible for participation in this program. Funding comes entirely from the Department of Justice’s, Office of Juvenile Justice, Tribal Youth Program Grant. A limited number of youth can attend, and it will be first come first served, pending a completed and approved application to participate.

This program will introduce the youth to the outdoors, by presenting nature education, and wilderness survival skills, from a Native American cultural perspective. The talking circle, the teaching circle and various group teamwork challenges are a major component of this program. Participants will sleep in old-styled bent-sapling lodges. They will learn how to make a fire and cook their own food. All equipment is provided.

For more information: Patrick D. Wilson, 231-398-2239 pwilson@lrboi.com or
Austen Brauker, 231-398-2240 abrauker@lrboi.com

- **Be Da Bin Annual Easter Egg Hunt!** Be Da Bin has scheduled their popular Easter Egg Hunt for April 23rd at the Gathering Grounds out by the Trading Post in Manistee. The hunt starts at 11 a.m. and there are prizes for each of the age groups from 0-2; 3-6 and 7 and up. There will also be lunch and some door prizes. All youngsters must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Sturgeon!** A hook-and-line sturgeon harvest will take place during the month of June on Black Lake in Otsego County. A total of one sturgeon may be harvested by the LRBOI. The Natural Resources Department would like to coordinate a day with the LRBOI community for the harvest where all interested members may participate with hook-and-line gear. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact: Peggy Vriesman at 231-398-2181 or by e-mail at pvriesman@lrboi.com or Marty Holtgren at mholtgren@lrboi.com.

- **Tight Lines for Troops.** The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) and the Brain Injury Association of Michigan (BIAMI) Veterans Program is proud to announce the Little River Casino Resort & Manistee County Charter Boats' 2nd Annual "Tight Lines for Troops" Veterans Charity Fishing Tournament. On Sunday, May 22nd, 2011, Manistee County Charter Captains join other fishing boat Captains from around northern Michigan to host 160 Michigan military service personnel and Veterans on 40 four-person "Teams."

- **Internship Opportunities for Spring and Summer 2011**

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation is looking to hire up to three current undergraduate or graduate students as interns: one for the spring semester and two for summer of 2011. The spring internship is a part-time position of approximately 5-10 hours a week and the summer internships are full-time positions over the course of 10-12 weeks.

All three internships are research-based and emphasize collecting, compiling and analyzing information about Indian land ownership in the U.S. These are excellent opportunities for any students who have a background in Native American history and issues or who have a strong desire to learn.

Visit our **website** to find out more.

- **HIS & HERS GOOD FELLOWSHIP AA GROUP** has been moved to the Aki Community Center at 2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung, Manistee. That is at the corner of Dontz Rd. and Shaw Be Quo-Ung (Aki Housing area). The group still meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening.

- **DNR Hiring Now for Summer Positions at State Parks, Recreation Areas, Boating Facilities and Visitor Centers**

More than 1,200 workers will be hired for summer jobs by the Department of Natural Resources in state parks, state recreation areas, boating facilities and visitor centers. Applications are being accepted now for positions such as greeting park visitors at the contact booth, selling Recreation Passport entrance permits, and performing operations and maintenance work such as mowing, landscaping, trail maintenance, janitorial and clerical work.

Summer employees are needed at Michigan's 98 state parks and recreation areas, nearly 700 boating access sites and 16 state harbors located around the state. Part- and full-time employment is available, with an opportunity to work up to 1,040 hours during the summer season. Seasonal employees are paid a minimum of \$7.65 per hour. Applicants must be 18 or older and willing to work varied shifts, including weekends, evenings and holidays.

More information about seasonal jobs with the DNR can be found at www.michigan.gov/dnrjobs. **Contacts: Ron Olson 517-373-9900 or Mary Dettloff (MEDIA ONLY) 517-335-3014**

In addition to seasonal workers for operations and maintenance, the DNR also hires summer naturalists to work as Explorer Guides or staffing the DNR visitor centers at one of the state parks, recreation areas or fish hatcheries. These jobs are suitable for persons wanting to gain experience in resource education. Typical job duties may include preparing and presenting a variety of programs, hikes or tours for park visitors on topics related to the resources within the parks and hatcheries. Training and program supplies are provided. Explorer Guides work individually within their parks, while visitor center employees work under the guidance of a permanent DNR park interpreter.

Interested individuals should submit an employment application to the park, recreation area, boating facility, or visitor center where they would like to work. Applicants should specify the position type -- State Worker, Seasonal Park Ranger, Explorer Guide or Visitor Center.

The State of Michigan is an equal opportunity employer. For more information about working in a state park, recreation area, or boating facility, or to download an application, visit www.michigan.gov/stateparks, under "Seasonal Information." Applications are also available at all state parks or recreation areas. For more information about the Explorer Guide Program only, send an e-mail to DNR-ExplorersProgram@michigan.gov.

- **Fitness and fun** at the old community center every Mon. and Thurs. evening after 5 p.m. family/children are welcome! We will be doing *Wii* activities and following exercise DVD's. If anyone has questions they can contact Holly Davis at 398-6610, Community Health Representative at 398-6629 or Peggy Ducey HR 398-6807.

(Tribal Government-Department items)

- **Election challenge period (Spring Membership):** If anyone wishes to challenge the Election held on Saturday, April 9th at the Spring Membership Meeting, they have ten business days to challenge it in Tribal Court. The last date for a challenge is the 23rd of April. You may see the results on the tribal website at www.lrboi.com.

- **Election Proposal and results.** Following are the proposals and results of the vote at the Spring Membership Meeting:

Ballot 1:

Amendment to Criminal Procedures Ordinance #03-300-03
Article VIII Trial
8.02 Jury Trial
Motion to remove italicized language.

Any person accused of a crime for which jail is a possible penalty may request a jury trial, upon his or her request made at or before the time of any pre-trial conference. *If the prosecutor informs the Tribal Court before the case comes to trial that a jail sentence will not be sought there is no right to a jury trial, if the defendant is convicted of the offense following the bench trial or plea, the Tribal Court may not impose a jail sentence for the offense.*

Total # of Ballots cast for Motion: **198**
Total # of Yes votes: **160**
Total # of No votes: **38**

Motion Passed

Ballot 2:

Tribal Council and Ogema must work a 40 hour work week in the office for full time pay or proration will be enforced – Punch Time Clock.

In place of current Legislative recess they would earn one week Legislature recess and two weeks Paid Time Off and Vacation.

Total # of Ballots cast for Motion: **173**
Total # of Yes votes: **146**
Total # of No votes: **27**

Motion Passed

Ballot 3:

Form a Constitutional Convention Committee made up of a male and female tribal member, descended from each of the Nine chiefs. These individuals will be selected by a lottery, verified by Enrollment and maximum number of two from one chief. Constitutional Committee will review every two years. A Constitution Committee Member will be selected for a term of four years.

Total # of Ballots cast for Motion: **154**
Total # of Yes votes: **81**
Total # of No votes: **73**

Motion Passed

Ballot 4:

Motion To Repeal:

TRIBAL COURT ORDINANCE
Ordinance #97-300-01

Section 8.Substantive Law.

8.02. Any matters not covered by the laws or regulations of the Little River Band of Ottawa, or by applicable federal laws or regulations, may be decided by the Courts according to the laws of the State of Michigan.

Total # of Ballots cast for Motion: **130**
Total # of Yes votes: **64**
Total # of No votes: **65**
Total # of Spoiled/Under-voted: **1**

Motion Defeated

Ballot 5:

Motion to Amend:

Budget and Appropriations Ordinance
Ordinance #04-100-04

Article V. Tribal Budget Formulation and Transmittal
5.09. Enactment and Execution of Tribal Budget.

Add subparagraph:

g. Tribal Council shall approve all appropriations and expenditures in an open session.

Total # of Ballots cast for Motion: **131**
Total # of Yes votes: **100**
Total # of No votes: **31**

Motion Passed

Ballot 6:

The Tribal Council, Ogema, elected and appointed officials and employees, under the Fair Employment Practices Code will be personally subject to all fines and penalties for violations of HIPPA and confidentiality. The Tribal Council shall amend the Fair Employment Practices Code to include the above violations and penalties.

Total # of Ballots cast for Motion: **107**
Total # of Yes votes: **67**
Total # of No votes: **40**

Motion Passed

- **May Currents is out!** The May issue of the *Currents* was distributed to government buildings on April 14th and posted on the website the same date. Mailed copies were sent out on April 18th.
- **LRCR Board openings:** Board Chair Jim Wabindato has announced that in accordance with Article VII of the Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors Act, the Board is required to notify the Ogema and Tribal Council when a vacancy will be created by an expiration of a term of office. This was done in late March and said that, 'The following Board seats will expire upon the conclusion of the Current Ogema's term of office.' Included are Seat #1, currently held by Virgil Johnson; Seat #2 which is vacant at this time and Seat #3, currently held by Board Chair, Jim Wabindato.

Seats 4 and 5, respectively filled by Elaine Porter and Rose Ludden, expire two years from the date of commencement of the next Ogema's term of office. Section 14.02 of the Ordinance allows for a hold-over period of 60 days, which will commence upon the swearing in of the next Ogema. This will be determined by the Tribal Elections on April 29th.

If you are interested in applying for a board seat, please send your resume and a letter of interest to the Ogema re: Casino Board of Directors.

- **DTE and Consumers Energy Audit:** The LRBOI planning department had DTE and Consumers Energy will be conducting walk through for all buildings on Friday the 15th. The purpose is to identify areas that can be improved to reduce our energy costs and our “carbon footprint.”
- **Council Recess!** Please be reminded that the Tribal Council is scheduled for Legislative Recess April 25-April 29. There is no Council meeting on April 27. Agenda item submissions for April 20 Agenda must be submitted by April 12, 2011.
- **Office Closure!** April 26th the Members Assistance Office will be closed for department training. The department will be attending HIPPA training provided by the Manistee-Benzie Community Mental Health.
- **Natural Resource Department:**
2011 Great Lakes Fish Assessment Distribution

Annually you need to sign up for the Great Lakes Fish Assessment Distribution if you are interested in receiving fish. The distribution will take place at Manistee and Muskegon on different dates. You will be called when the fish are available. There are three ways you may sign up.

1. Call Natural Resource Department: 866-723-1594 or 231-398-2180
2. E-mail your name, Tribal ID, address, phone number, indicate if you are an Elder and where you would like to pick up fish at Manistee or Muskegon to: bharnish@lrboi.com
3. Fill out the form below and mail to: LRBOI Natural Resource Dept.

Atten: Bonnie Harnish
375 River Street
Manistee, Michigan 49660



2011 Great Lakes Fish Assessment Distribution Form

Name: _____ Elder: Yes ___ No ___ Tribal ID _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Indicate where you would like to pick up fish in Manistee: ___ or Muskegon: ___

- **MICHIGAN INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES PILOT PROJECT:
CRIMINAL DEFENSE AT LRBOI TRIBAL COURT**

Michigan Indian Legal Services (MILS) and the Tribal Court are pleased to announce that MILS will begin offering assistance to criminal defendants in the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court. Starting now, MILS attorneys will be available to represent indigent defendants facing criminal charges as part of a year-long pilot project. The service will be available and free to those individuals who meet income eligibility and other requirements.

The purpose of the pilot project is twofold. First, MILS hopes to provide high quality representation by assisting clients through the system, providing necessary balance in an adversarial system. Second, through the experience of the pilot project, MILS hopes to be able to make an informed decision as to whether we should maintain the project at LRBOI, expand into other tribal courts, or end the program as part of the commitment to serving the native communities within Michigan. MILS will conduct an ongoing program evaluation with the help of clients and LRBOI Court staff.

Those Tribal Members facing criminal charges in the Tribal Court, will be notified of this project, and given MILS contact information at the first court hearing.

- **Stay Tuned for Upcoming Events In Diabetes Wellness**

Opening of Mnagaanewin (being healthy physically) Center...our new fitness center!

Walking Challenge to begin June 2011

Community Garden at Aki

Seminar to learn more about harvesting, seed saving, canning and preserving your harvest in August 2011

For more information or to ask a question call Holly Davis Diabetes Coordinator 231-398-6610

- **Elders Survey Time!** Members Assistance is working on the 2010 Elders Survey for the Administration on Aging and needs your help. Participating elders will receive a gift of appreciation (\$10.00 gift card) and a certificate of participation. We are in need of at least 250 surveys and have only 83 completed so far. Elders interested in participating in this survey are asked to contact the Members Assistance Department at 888-723-8288.
- **Casino Board of Directors** meetings have been set. They are:
 - May 13th
- **Muskegon Project.** The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) has announced the launch of a website, *Muskegon Jobs Now*, viewable and searchable at <http://muskegonjobsnow.com>. The new website provides a comprehensive overview of the economic benefits that a proposed casino at the former Great Lakes Downs racetrack in Fruitport Township would provide the residents of Muskegon County and the state of Michigan. In addition, the website provides supporters an opportunity to check on the status of the project and contact legislators.
- **Trading Post logowear!** We are proud to announce that our logo apparel is now available online. You may go to www.baysupplyinc.com and on the left side of the page click on Little River Trading Post and place your order. Payment is via Credit Card and your order will be shipped directly to your door step. Also check back we are always adding new things to order. Thank you and Happy Holidays from all of us at the Trading Post.
- **Commissions/Committees:**

The following commissions have current openings.

Gaming Commission	2 openings
Health Commission	2 openings
LRCR Board	1 opening for an elected official

All other commission seats available have been filled.

(Tribal Health Clinic)

- **Wii Bowling for Elders.** The CHRs from Tribal Health are holding *Wii* bowling for the Elders at the Community Center on Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m. The fun game is really taking off and they hope to add more days as more and more people sign up. For more information, contact your CHR or Tribal Health.

“Our people don’t come in parts. Either you are Indian, or you are not.”

--Nippawanock, ARAPAHOE

We really need to take a look at how Indian People are talking about Indian People. We say there are Rez Indians, Traditional Indians, Urban Indians and Breeds. This type of thinking will keep us separated. An Indian is an Indian, a brother is a brother, a sister is a sister. We are all related. Today, let us respect ourselves and our people. Today, let me realize Indians are Indians.

Great Spirit, let me see the Unity of the People. Indians are Indians

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This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated:2-2-11

If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule.

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation

DM - Divorce with children

EB - Election Board Appeal

FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment

GM - Guardianship of Minor

JV - Juvenile

NC - Name Change

TA - Trust Access

CS - Child Support

DO - Divorce w/o children

EM - Emancipation of Minor

GA - Gaming Appeal

GR - Employment Matter

LT - Landlord Tenant

PF - Probate

TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket

EA - Enrollment Appeal

FJ - Foreign Judgment

GC - General Civil

JC - Judicial Complaint

NA - Neglect Abuse

PPO - Personal Protection Order

WC - Workmen's Compensation

Monday, April 18, 2011; Judge Bailey

•10:00 a.m. Rent v. Wilson - 11019GC Pretrial

Friday, April 22, 2011; Judge Sherigan

•10:00 a.m. Neglect/Abuse - 07188NA Closed Hrg.

•11:00 a.m. Neglect/Abuse - 09184NA Closed Hrg.

•1:15 p.m. Council v. Ogema - 11063GC Motion Hearing

Monday, April 25, 2011; Judge Bailey

•2:00 p.m. Cale v. Cale - 08205DO Motion Hearing

*Docket is subject to additions or deletions based on new filings

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If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:

The Office of Public Affairs, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.

Or send them direct to currentcomments@lrboi.com.

Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.